(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

— Rewari (Haryana) 4000 lines electronic (PRX)

— Kundli (Haryana) 1000 lines electronic (RLU)

— Hissar (Haryana) 4500 lines electronic (E 1OR

— Kota (Rajasthan) 5000 lines electronic (E 10B)

— Alwar (Rajasthan) 5000 lines electronic (E 10B) replacing 4000 lines electronic analog (PRX)

— Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) 2048 Port electronic (IIT)

— Panipat (Haryana) 5000 lines Main electronic (E 10B)

So far as Delhi is concerned, cable construction work for 1992-93 commissicni is in progress.

(c) As a matter of policy, life expired outmoded exchanges art rcplacu Eg programme *i* generally by electronic exchanges.

Grant of subsidy to D.T.C.

*****247. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1991 and sate;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to grant subsidy worth Rs-100 crores *to* the D.T.C; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTERY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In order to meet the operational losses of DTC, Government have been extending ways and means loans to DTC in the past. For the year 1991-92, a budget provision of Rs. 35 crores towards ways and means loans to DTC has been provided.

The reasons for the losses of DTC are:

(i) uneconomic fare structure of DTC.

(ii) rising cost of labour and material inputs:

(iii) concessions given to students and weaker sections of the society through concessional passes;

(iv) heavy interest burden on loans advanced, etc.

State Highways of Maharashtra as .National Highways

*248. SHRl NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for declaring eleven State Highways in Maharashtra as as National Highways;

(b) when was the proposals received by the Central Government- and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THfi MINISTER OF STATE (IN DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTERY OF SOURFACE TRANS PORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)- (a) to (c) In April, 1990 Maharashtra Go vernment sent a proposal for declaring eleven State Roads as National Highway*. A decision about the declaration of new National Highways would be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan. ,